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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

28 May 1953

SUBJECT: Retirement of Colonel Sheffield Edwards

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1. At a conference at four o'clock this afternoon with Major General Young, G-1 of the Army, I outlined the facts in Colonel Sheffield Edwards' case as they had been presented to me on Tuesday afternoon by General [] and asked General Young if he would advise me on the best procedure to follow to accomplish our purpose, to wit: to have Colonel Edwards' retirement approved after thirty years of service in order that we may appoint him in a civilian capacity as Director of Security for the Central Intelligence Agency. I mentioned to General Young how very seriously we took this problem and told him that I had conferred on Wednesday with General Cabell and this morning with both Mr. Dulles and General Cabell.

2. General Young stated that although no one can possibly tell exactly what would happen insofar as a rider to the Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1954 was concerned, his best advice was that the Van Zandt rider attached to the 1953 Appropriations Bill would be eliminated from the Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1954. He stated that in that event obviously there would be no problem and that an officer with thirty years continuous service would then be privileged to retire. On the other hand in the event that the same rider or a comparable rider is attached to the 1954 Bill, he stated that we would then have the problem which we are now considering. He recommended that no immediate action be taken and assured me that no arbitrary move would be made to assign Colonel Edwards to other duties until we had had sufficient time to take whatever action seemed appropriate to us. He specifically mentioned a period of three or four months.

3. I advised General Young that in the past I had usually conferred direct with the Assistant Secretary of Defense-in-Charge-of-Manpower but I had come to him in that I had been advised that he had discussed the matter informally with General []. I also told him that I would report our conference to Mr. Dulles and General Cabell but that I could not at this time state what action they might care to initiate. General Young stated that in no way would he object if action were taken with the Office of the Secretary of Defense or the Chief of Staff, but he reiterated he felt we would be well advised to wait until the Appropriations Bill had been passed.

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